

# PEABODY MILL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

## Spring Programs 2008

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Advanced registration is requested for all programs. Registrations forms are available at [www.pmec.org](http://www.pmec.org)

### **Leave No Child Inside - School Vacation Day Programs**

Spring Break: Monday - Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Memorial Day: Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

*Are you wondering what your children will do on their school vacation days?*

*Send them to the PMEC where they'll spend the day learning about and enjoying nature!*

Content topics vary from day to day depending on weather. Enjoy indoor & outdoor activities such as Hiking, Fishing, Animal Tracking, Nature Crafts, Songs, Stories, and Games! Bring snack, drink(s), and lunch (if staying all day). Dress your child in appropriate clothing including layers for outdoor activities. Please pack an extra set of clothing, shoes, and socks. Children can join us for a half day (9AM-12PM or 1-4PM) for \$20; or a full day (7:30AM-5:30PM) for \$40. Instructors: Deb Bowry or Robin Merrifield assisted by Alex Sprague and Colleen Roberts

### **Full Moon Hikes**

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM

Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM

Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30PM

### **New Moon Hikes**

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00PM

Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30PM

Join us for stories and a walk in the woods along easy paths that accommodate people of all ages. Let PMEC help you find your way around the night sky. Bring a flashlight to help you navigate uneven terrain. Call us at 673-1141 for location (not all hikes take place at PMEC). Advance registration required. If no one calls, leader won't show up! \$5pp/\$12 family. Leader: PMEC Staff

### **Earth Day at PMEC**

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 1-4PM for Scout Troops and Other Volunteers

Have a little cabin fever? Want to just have fun outdoors & feel good about it? Grab a rake, tarp and gloves and enjoy the camaraderie of working with your friends and neighbors as you help clean up the PMEC grounds. Please contact us if you are interested in joining us. Not available that day? Call us at 673-1141 and we'll arrange another time for you to help!

### **Hartshorn Open House**

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 12-4PM

Come meet the Hartshorn teachers and find out what we are planning for this summer and beyond. You and your family can enjoy mini program samplers and crafts (some crafts may have a modest materials fee). Entry to this event is free of charge.

### **The Great Water Adventure**

Saturdays, May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> 10am -2pm

Join us for this exciting two-week program where you'll learn about New Hampshire's wet environments and go fishing. Program is based on a curriculum written by NH Fish and Game. Bring your lunch and be ready to have a great water adventure. (We ask that individuals who wish to attend Week 2 also attend Week 1. Thank you for your cooperation). \$5 per person/ per session.

Week 1: Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 10am -2pm

Come on a field trip to discover the aquatic life to be found in ponds, vernal pools, streams and wetlands. This is an indoor and outdoor session, looking at the creatures and their habitats.

Have you always been interested in the sport of fishing, but haven't known where to begin? The Let's Go Fishing Program is offering you the chance you've been looking for. Join us as we explore the basic skills and equipment you need and resources available to you on your journey to becoming an angler. All equipment and materials are provided.

Week 2: Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm

You've learned the basics, now it's time to put your new skills to the test. Spend the morning refreshing your casting skills and then head out to the local pond to do some fishing! All equipment and materials are provided.

### **Preschooler (3-5 yr. olds) & Parent Nature Exploration**

Thursdays 9:30-10:45AM - Please call us at 673-1141 if you are interested.

Parents and toddlers will love our diverse nature program designed to engage young minds. On site and off site adventures planned. You'll enjoy activities such as hiking, animal tracking, story time and crafts. \$7 per class or \$35 for your choice of any 6 classes. Limited to 10 children per class. Advance registration required. Instructor: Vicki Laforet

### **Art Instruction for Adults**

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30AM

Session: April 1<sup>st</sup> - May 6<sup>th</sup>

Session: May 13<sup>th</sup> - June 17<sup>th</sup>

All levels, from beginner to experienced. Multimedia (drawing, watercolor, oil, acrylics, pastel) class instruction, which includes exercises to improve drawing skills, composition and insight into art. Class members are encouraged to bring their own supplies, however the PMEC does supply some materials. Weather permitting, classes can be outside. For inside classes, you may work from your own photographs or still life objects. Pre-registration required at least one week prior to class. \$60 for 6 week session. Min. 4/Max.10 per class. Off Site: At Parkhurst Place, 11 Veterans Road, Amherst. Meet in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor activity room. Instructor: Susan Peterson 673-5951.

### **Scouting Programs**

Wouldn't you and your scout group love to spend a Saturday morning earning a badge, doing a "Try It", or just having fun learning about nature and the environment? The PMEC has talented naturalist and science teachers available to give your scouts a wonderful learning experience that they won't soon forget! Dates are flexible and topics will vary depending on your needs. Please call us at 673-1141 (at least a week ahead) to register your group and schedule your program. If Saturday morning doesn't work out for your group, please call to see if we can schedule your program for another day.

### **Prescheduled Scout Workshop Dates**

Saturdays 10AM-12PM

April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>

***Registration with PMEC required.***

### **Girl Scout Fishbowls**

**Sponsored by PMEC and Swift Water Council**

Saturdays 10AM-2PM

May 17<sup>th</sup> - Water Everywhere Fishbowl for Brownies

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Plants and Animals Fishbowl for Juniors

***Please register through Swift Water Council***

### **Fireside Chats**

The PMEC is thrilled to be hosting monthly fireside chats. These chats will explore diverse environmental and science topics such as Global Warming, Green Living, Survival, and Local Ecology.

### **Introduction to Green Design**

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM

What is "Green Design"? Where do you start if you want to make your home more energy efficient? Join Jennifer Bean for a beginners look at the principles and practice of Green Design. Bean will take a non-technical look at the choices homeowners face when determining how to green their homes, as well as changes you can make to create a more energy efficient and environmentally friendly home. Participants will have a chance to brainstorm simple ways to green their own home and share experiences that have worked for them. \$5 per person. Advanced registration required.